

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS: Not everyone is aware that in the United States there are approximately 19,000 occupational health nurses, including many of these in Arkansas, working to deliver health and safety programs and services to workers, worker populations and community groups.; and
- WHEREAS: Through case management, health counseling, health promotion, wellness activities, legal and regulatory compliance, and workplace hazard detection, occupational health nurses (OHNs) improve the health of workers in Arkansas and the United States, while contributing to a healthy bottom line for businesses; and
- WHEREAS: Annually, Occupational Health Nurses Week is selected by American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN) for dates in April, which commemorates the inception of the first and largest professional association for occupational and environmental health nurses; and
- WHEREAS: AAOHN today consists of more than 90 chapters with over 4,000 members, over 60 members are in Arkansas, dedicated to advancing the health, safety and productivity of our workforces by providing education, research, public policy and practice resources for OHNs; and
- WHEREAS: Because OHNs are employed by manufacturing facilities, healthcare settings and in workplaces in dozens of other industries throughout the state, employers turn to OHNs to promote healthy lifestyles and keep our workers safe, healthy and performing at a high level; and
- WHEREAS: These OHNs focus on promotion and restoration of health, prevention of illness and injury, and protection from work-related and environmental hazards, OHNs are an important partner in supporting the economic health and competitiveness of the businesses they serve; and
- WHEREAS: Occupational Health Nurse Appreciation Week affords us an opportunity to recognize Occupational Health Nurses for the compassionate and dedicated service they provide in keeping the Workers of Arkansas Safe and Healthy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim April 13th through April 17th, 2020, as


OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSE APPRECIATION WEEK IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I urge all workers and their families to join me in recognizing the invaluable contributions of occupational health nurses in our State and the Nation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 25th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2020.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


John Thurston, Secretary Of State